IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Lonnie D. Lindsey)	
)	Art Unit: **2874**
Serial No.: **Unassigned**)	
)	Examiner: **Palmer, Phan**
Filing Date: **March 22, 2004**)	
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Title: **System and Method for Coupling and**)	
Redirecting Optical Energy Between)	
Two Optical Waveguides Oriented)	
at a Predetermined Angle)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application   March 22, 2004
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application filed on July 25, 2003 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/627,049 on behalf of the inventor Lonnie D. Lindsey, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.
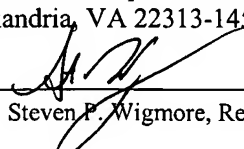
AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

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PRIORITY AND RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of and claims priority to application serial No. 10/627,049 filed July 25, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Coupling and Redirecting Optical Energy Between Two Optical Waveguides Oriented at a Predetermined Angle," the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference. ~~The present application claims priority to provisional patent application entitled "Right Angle Fiber Optic Cable Adapter," filed April 20, 2001 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 60/285,273. The entire contents of this provisional application are hereby incorporated by reference.~~